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Great Wall trek for charity

Nick and Karen Jacobs trekking the Great Wall of China last week

A COUPLE from Lathom trekked 26 kilometres along the Great Wall of China in three days to help raise £15,000 for charity.

Business consultancy director, Nick Jacobs and his wife Karen, a community health nurse, took part in the event along one of the seven wonders of the modern world to raise awareness and funds for the Liverpool–based ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) Foundation.

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DON'T SIGN UP TO 'DOORSTEP DEALS'!

Report by **Henry James**

County council watchdogs issue alert to householders after roofer jailed for fraud

COUNTY council watchdogs are urging householders in the borough to beware of agreeing to have work done 'on the doorstep' after a roofer was jailed for 18 months for work carried out on properties across the North West, including two homes in Aughton.

The warning by Lancashire's Trading Standards Service follows the sentencing of Steven Lee senior at Preston Crown Court this month. The 52–year–old from Preston pleaded guilty to knowingly participating in a fraudulent business, contrary to the Fraud Act 2006.

And officers believe that known associates of Lee are still touting for business in the area.

Lee, and another family member, worked as roofers under the names Skyline Roof Contractors and Prestige. In most cases, homeowners would be cold–called and persuaded to have small roofing jobs carried out. However, once the work started, the owners were typically informed that the problems were far more serious than originally thought and that a full re–roof would be needed, costing thousands of pounds.

Poor work was carried out on homes throughout the region, including one belonging to an 84–year–old man in Aughton. The court heard how, in August 2013, Lee had cold–called the man offering to re–fix some end–capping on one of the eaves that he said had come loose.

After work began though the homeowner was told that the roofing battens were rotten and that extensive work urgently needed to be carried out. A price of £3,800 was agreed and he was given paperwork in the name of Skyline which included the promise of a 10–year guarantee.

But within a few months, the capping, which was supposed to have been re–attached, had fallen down completely. And when the homeowner tried to contact Lee to take up the guarantee calls and letters were ignored or appointments not met. Eventually, one of the Lee family attended the house to say that Steven had run away and nobody knew where he was.

Following a complaint to Lancashire County Council Trading Standards a building surveyor attended the house to inspect the work. His shocking findings were that, although Lee had been paid to re–felt the whole roof, he had only replaced strips of a metre or so around the edges, leaving most of the roof completely untouched. What felt had been used was badly fitted with some parts left requiring urgent attention.

In the surveyor's opinion the work was of a "poor standard" and showed "a low level of skill and lack of knowledge of this type of work."

Far from the £3,800 that Lee had been paid, the surveyor assessed that no more than £200 worth of work had been carried out.

Lee had also called at a neighbouring property where he offered to fit capping to three roof edges and re–bed some roof tiles for £425. This led on to replacing some guttering and fascias for another £300.

However, within months the fascias had started to fall off and on further examination the homeowner realised that a new drainpipe did not reach the ground but was suspended in the air behind some greenery in the garden.

He also tried to invoke the '10–year guarantee' but eventually gave up after about 10 phone calls went unanswered.

Other properties in Preston, Lytham, Bolton and Cheshire saw homeowners ripped off by Lee and his gang. In each case, shoddy, unnecessary or incomplete work was carried out. In total, Lee was ordered to pay £18,570 compensation to his victims as part of his sentence.

David Traynor, prosecuting for Lancashire County Council Trading Standards, told the court that Lee had previous convictions for doorstep offending, including failing to provide consumers with cancellation notices and proper business details.

Passing sentence, Recorder Sally Hatfield QC pointed out that the offences had been committed within weeks of Lee's release from prison, following a case brought by Bury Trading Standards.

She said that Lee had targeted his victims and encouraged them to agree to additional and wholly unnecessary work. She added that she

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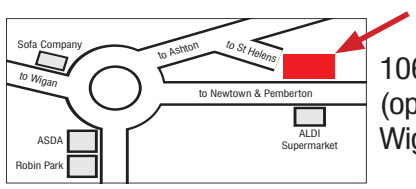

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Police get 'smart' in fight against crime

Report by **Henry James**

A PILOT project which has seen 40 officers use mobile technology to help modernise policing in Lancashire, is to be rolled out across the force.

More than 2,000 officers will be equipped with Samsung Galaxy Note 4 devices which police believe will "revolutionise" the way in which they work, helping them to access police IT files and systems while on the go.

Clive Grunshaw, the county's police and crime commissioner, has funded the investment from an earmarked reserves budget which was set aside to improve services and ensure that officers are better equipped. As a result, uniform officers will be out on the beat for longer as they can access files they need without having to return to base.

The mobile devices are just part of a £10m overhaul of IT infrastructure across the force designed to meet national requirements, improve security and streamline the number of platforms the force currently uses.

They run on EE's 4G network and will come loaded with special policing apps allowing officers to read live crime reports, take witness statements electronically and access the Police National Computer to run checks.

They will also be able to post directly onto the constabulary's 70–plus social media accounts to make instant appeals for help or engage directly with the public on local policing issues.

Clive Grunshaw said: "This investment was planned to ensure we provide our officers with the latest technology to improve the speed with which they access information. The Samsung works just as any other mobile telephone but with the additional apps and folders needed to make them more effective in the job and to ultimately give them officers more time on the streets of Lancashire.

Police officers with their smartphones

"These mobiles will also improve the way people can get in touch with their local policing team too. Being more mobile means residents will see officers and PCSOs doing their work in the community, where members of the public can interact with them."

Assistant chief constable, Mark Bates, added: "This demonstrates our commitment to make use of modern enterprise technology to ensure that officers and staff have more time to spend in their communities.

"Officers will be able to offer greater visibility and ultimately a better service to victims of crime. These smartphones will enable officers to work differently and ultimately more efficiently. We are always looking for ways to work smarter and create efficiency savings that will benefit the communities we serve."

The decision to use smartphones follows a successful pilot in Blackpool and Lancaster. Training is now under way and by January next year all front–line uniform officers across the constabulary will be using them.

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Parish council seeks funds for memorial to local men killed in First World War

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A PARISH council is seeking to raise funds for a memorial to commemorate local men who were killed during the First World War.

Scarisbrick Parish Council is working in partnership with Scarisbrick Hall School on the project and will hold a launch event as the school on Saturday (September 19) from 2 to 4pm.

It is estimated the memorial will cost around £5,000 and it will form part of the centenary commemorations of the 1914–18 conflict.

Once sufficient funds are raised the memorial would be erected before the centenary of the Armistice in 1918.

The commemorations will also feature an exhibition telling the stories of 50 men from Scarisbrick who served during the war, photographs of some of them, a presentation on the local history of the time, a display of artefacts related to the war and a medley of songs from the era sung by children from Pinfold School.

Heritage

The organisers are particularly interested in receiving further information about local men who served in the war.

All members of the public are urged to attend the launch event for which there is no entrance charge although any donations will be gratefully received.

John Halewood was killed during World War One

Scarisbrick Parish Councillor John Herbert told the Champion that he hopes that the project will honour the memory of the men who served, recognise Scarisbrick's rich local heritage and keep the memories of the men alive, while also "educating young people on the horror and the futility of war."

Among the fundraising projects planned include turning the biographies of 50 local men into a published booklet or short book for sale with proceeds going to the memorial.

It is also hoped that local individuals or businesses night be prepared to 'sponsor' individual entries in the biography, again with the money going to the memorial fund.

Scarisbrick Parish Council will match funds raised by the public up to a maximum of £2,500.

Meanwhile, John Herbert recounted the story of one local man, John Halewood, from Scarisbrick, who worked as a horseman before serving in the First World War.

He was killed while fighting on the Western Front in 1916, aged just 25.

John Herbert said: "John Halewood was born and bred in Scarisbrick where he worked on a local farm as a horseman prior to the First World War.

Duty

"He was 23 when war was declared and immediately volunteered for active service abroad in order to fight, as he himself put it, 'for love, life and liberty'"

John spoke affectionately of home in his last letter to his parents.

He wrote: "I do not know if I shall see these places again but their memory only serves to help me on through these trying times and make me all the more determined to do my duty, so that my friends and relations may never have cause to be ashamed of me."

Just a few weeks later he was killed in the Somme offensive in the summer of 1916 – one of the bloodiest battles in history, eventually taking the lives of more than a million men.

Watchdogs' warning on doorstep deals

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doubted any remorse expressed by him and that he had taken a leading role in a sophisticated and sustained course of conduct.

Speaking after the sentence, Nick McNamara, legal officer for Lancashire County Council Trading Standards, said: "Associates of Steven Lee are known to be going around the Ormskirk and Burscough areas touting for roofing work.

"We cannot stress how important it is not to agree to work on the doorstep. No job is so urgent that it has to be started there and then.

"If you are cold–called about work, politely say 'no thank–you' and close the door. If you need work doing, look to a local trader, seek a recommendation from family and friends, or let the county council's Safe Trader Scheme help find you a reputable tradesman."

Cancer pilot project launch

A PILOT project supporting cancer sufferers at home is being launched at a coffee morning on Friday, September 25.

The Firm Roots Volunteer Project event, in partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support, will be held at St John the Baptist Church, School Lane, Burscough from 9.30am to noon.

The project will involve volunteers offering practical help around the home and friendship to Burscough residents with cancer.

Helen Jones, from Firm Roots Cancer Support, said: "Our trained team of volunteers will be going out into homes where people are affected by cancer, to offer a range of services. The pilot will run for six months in Burscough with a view to extending the service further across West Lancashire after the initial period."

For more information visit www.firmroots.org.uk or call Helen on 01704 897920.

Lathom couple's Great Wall charity trek

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The money raised will support the delivery of counselling and cognitive behavioural therapies for children and young people with ADHD, who suffer with anxiety and depression.

Nick has supported the charity for years and is the vice–chair of the ADHD Foundation's board of trustees.

The couple, both 50, joined a team of 18 other trekkers, including ADHD Foundation staff, patrons, volunteers and charity service users, to take on the challenge last week. To date they have raised more than £15,000.

Nick said: "This was a fantastic opportunity to support a deserving cause. It was a real test of stamina but we got through it as a team and hopefully we will raise some serious cash for the foundation.

"ADHD is a 'hidden' issue in many young people and we have seen first–hand the amazing work done with young people to give them life skills and coping strategies."

To prepare them for the trip the ADHD Foundation, in conjunction with the Confucius Institute at the University of Liverpool, provided Chinese lessons to all volunteers, including basic language skills and cultural training to assist them on the trek.

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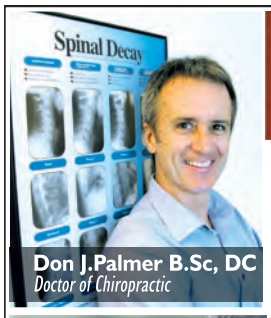

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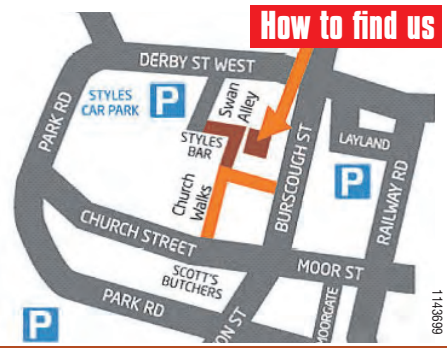

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Constabulary gets green light to recruit 120 officers

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

LANCASHIRE Constabulary has been given the go–ahead to recruit 120 new officers to join the force within the next year.

The county's police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, has approved 120 new officers joining the force following the recruitment of a number of new officer roles last year.

Applications are being taken from Thursday, October 1 to Tuesday, October 13 via the Lancashire Police website.

The commissioner wants to to replace officers who are coming up to retirement or due to leave the force, while a number of officers will take on different roles.

Mr Grunshaw said: "I am pleased to announce this latest stage of recruitment to the constabulary. This follows an extremely tough time that hasn't been easy for anyone in the force. We have seen our officer numbers decline significantly but we still have a very good record here in Lancashire of tackling crime and re–offending.

"A number of the new recruits will join our Early Action teams and develop this area of our work preventing people entering a life of crime or helping to stop others' behaviour escalating out of control."

Clive Grunshaw

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Deputy chief constable, Andy Rhodes, added: "At least 10 officers leave the constabulary each month – mainly through retirement. We are now in a position where we need to recruit just to 'stand still' and to make sure we remain operationally resilient.

"We have made significant changes to the recruitment process this time as we realise that the previous method of phoning for an application pack was dated. We have listened to the feedback and we have improved the process to make it fairer.

"The way we police our communities has changed significantly over recent years and we are keen to recruit resilient individuals with a high level of empathy to meet the demands of modern day policing.

"We are also keen to hear from people with experience of dealing with vulnerable members of the community, in particular those with a background in mental health."

People considering applying for the roles are asked to study the application requirements before submitting their forms.

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A FORMER Second World War aircraft will perform a fly–past over the HMS Ringtail Memorial in Burscough on Monday, September 21.

The Swordfish, part of the Royal Navy Historic Flight, will perform the manoeuvre over the Pippin Street memorial between 3 and 3.15pm coming from the direction of Scarisbrick en route to the Southport Air Show.

Richard Houghton, secretary of the Lathom and Burscough Military Heritage Society, said: "As they are in the area for the Southport Air Show, the organisers have taken the opportunity to again honour the old naval air station of HMS Ringtail.

"At the same time they are providing a heritage and historical attraction for local folk arranged by our association in conjunction with the Royal Navy air branch and the Royal Naval Historic Flight."

Homes plan for hospital site

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

PLANS have been been submitted to build a new housing development on land to the west of Ormskirk Hospital.

Applicants NHS Property Services Ltd. have submitted a planning application to West Lancs Borough Council for 54 mixed terrace, semi–detached and detached two–storey dwellings, plus a small three–storey one and two–bed apartment block, with landscaping and parking spaces on land belonging to Central Lancashire Primary Care Trust on Wigan Road.

Nineteen of the proposed homes will be suitable for the 'affordable housing' market, while nine will be designed to be suitable for the elderly.

The site is owned by the care trust while Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trust owns a building in the south–east corner of the site, which will be retained by the hospital.

An existing hospital building on the site which was to be refurbished, would be demolished to make way for the new development.

A spokesperson for NHS Property Services, said: "The site, to the west of Ormskirk and District General Hospital is owned by NHS Property Services and has been declared surplus to requirements and is no longer required for the provision of local NHS services.

An artist's impression of how the proposed development would look

"Our organisation is tasked with achieving the best return for the taxpayer from any NHS property or site that is surplus to requirements. The site's disposal will also bring forward land to help meet the housing needs of the borough. With this in mind, we have submitted an outline planning application for the site's residential development with up to 54 new homes."

A public consultation period for local residents to give their views to the council will end on Thursday, October 1.

The council's planning committee is expected to make a decision on the application by November.

Driver, 20, arrested after fatal accident

A 20–year–old man from Ormskirk has been arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving and drug driving following an incident in Liverpool on Tuesday (September 15) in which a male pedestrian died.

The incident occurred at about 10.40am on the city centre–bound carriageway of the Strand opposite the Crown Plaza hotel.

Family and friends celebrate Mary's special day

Mary Twiss celebrating her 100th Birthday with family and friends

FAMILY and friends joined Mary Twiss and staff at Stocks Hall residential care home to celebrate the great–grandmother's 100th birthday.

The party was organised by staff at the home in Nursery Avenue, Ormskirk and among the special guests were Mary's daughter Jeanie who flew from Melbourne with husband Ken and daughter Becky to share her mum's special day.

Rebecca McMaster, from the home, said: "It was a joyous afternoon with smiles all round. Not only did Mary receive a telegram from the Queen to congratulate her on this milestone, but she also received a letter from the government wishing her the best on her special day."

And Mary's secret for a long life?

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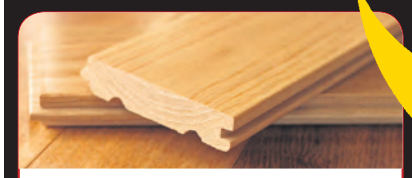

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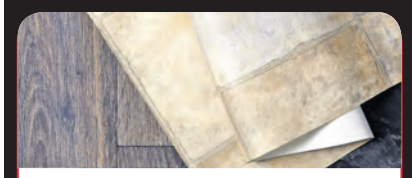

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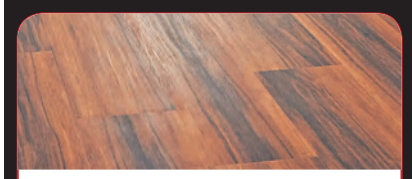

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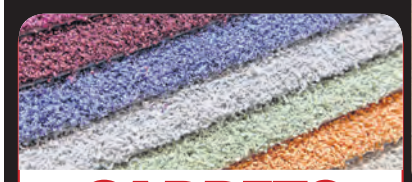

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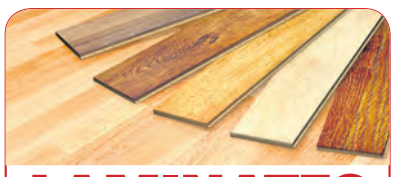

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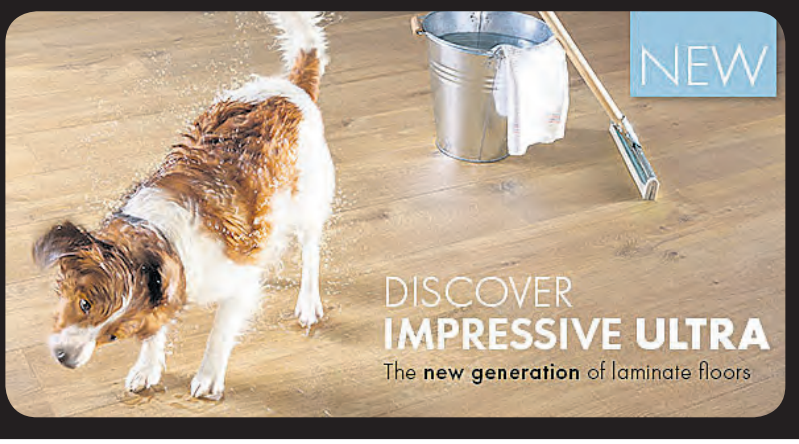

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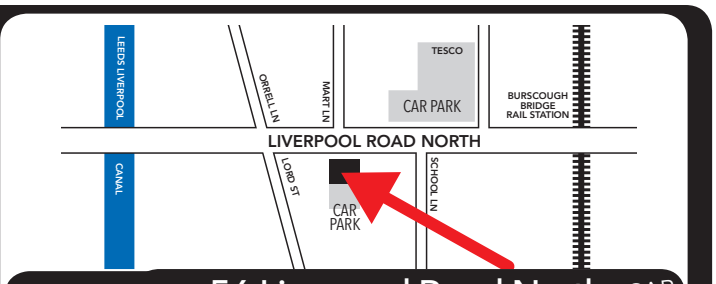

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Safety partnership all set for Freshers' Week

Programme of activities aims to integrate students into community

THE West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership's annual Freshers' Week programme, aimed at welcoming Edge Hill University's new students and ensuring they have a safe and enjoyable time while living in the borough, will start in earnest on Sunday (September 20).

The partnership, which includes the university, has an excellent track record of delivering a large programme of activities to integrate students safely into the community.

And although planning started some months ago, Freshers' Week is seen as an ideal opportunity to provide key safety and welfare messages to the students.

Many aspects of the co–ordinated activities will extend into the weeks following when returning students are also available to receive the important messages.

Dave Tilleray, West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership chairman, said: "The partnership has been working hard to ensure plans are in place to assist local people and Edge Hill University to integrate students into the area during the first few weeks of term."

Edge Hill will distribute handbooks to all students, containing information on safety, security and behaviour. University staff will also ensure students are aware of their responsibilities as citizens in the local community.

During Freshers' Week, partnership members will be in and around the St Helens Road campus to offer help and advice to new students, as well as reassurance for the wider community.

The police will have extra officers on the streets during the first two weeks of term, extending into week three, if necessary.

There will be foot patrols until 3am, particularly on key nights for Freshers' activities as identified from information provided by the university's students' union.

Councillor Kevin Wright, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for community safety, said: "Freshers' week is traditionally a busy time in Ormskirk and I am pleased the community safety partnership will be taking action once again. I would like to reassure residents that all relevant partners are working together on their behalf."

Lancashire Fire and Rescue will bring their crashed car demonstration to the Freshers' Fair on Wednesday, September 23 and will be doing demonstrations warning students to be careful when cooking. Fire service officers will give welcome talks to the new students on Monday, September 21.

In addition to regular Saturday night patrols, Ormskirk Street Pastors will have volunteers carrying out extra patrols of the town centre on four consecutive Wednesdays from September 23 between 10.30pm and 3am.

The council's environmental enforcement team visiting student properties to provide advice in relation to waste, re–cycling and noise.

Fay Sherrington, Edge Hill's director of student services, said: "Edge Hill University is traditionally a safe, welcoming place and statistics published by the independent Complete University Guide show that the it has the lowest crime rates of any of the region's universities. The survey takes into consideration the campus and the surrounding area within a three–mile radius.

"We're continually communicating crime safety messages to students and we also encourage them to respect the needs of the local community."

West Lancashire geographic policing inspector, June Chessell, said: "In consultation with the community safety partnership we have devised a comprehensive multi–agency plan to ensure that Freshers' Week is a success and passes peacefully, keeping disruption and anti–social behaviour to a minimum.

"Alongside the other CSP members' work we will be facilitating increased foot patrols in and around the vicinity of the university and town centre. Residents and students alike will be re–assured that there will be a visible police presence throughout the Freshers' period."

Edge Hill named safest uni in North West again

EDGE Hill has been named as the safest university in the North West for the fourth year running.

Statistics published by the independent Complete University Guide show that the Ormskirk campus has the lowest crime rates of any of the region's universities and remains in the top 10 safest nationally.

Compiled from official police data, the ranking gives a picture of the crime rates for almost 130 universities and other higher education institutions and their immediate neighbourhoods in England and Wales.

Steve Igoe, deputy vice–chancellor at Edge Hill said: "The safety of our students is of paramount importance to us and we continue to work closely with partners including the police to ensure that crime remains consistently low.

"This is undoubtedly helped by the significant investment made by the university in round–the–clock security and night wardens on campus."

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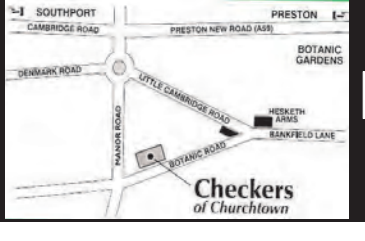

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Civic launch for elderly care forum

By **Danielle Thompson**

A CARE forum which aims to bring together services across the borough to fully integrate all elderly residents into the community has been officially launched by the Mayor of West Lancashire.

Lesley Malone, events organiser at Abbey Wood Lodge care home in Ormskirk, spearheaded the initiative, which aims to ensure that relevant agencies and charities meet every three months to discuss how to ensure that all elderly residents do not feel isolated from their local communities.

The forum was launched by Councillor Nikki Hennessey at the home in County Road on Friday (September 11) with an initial meeting attended by staff and managers from care homes across West Lancashire, local Dementia Friends Champion Joe Sherville, volunteers from the Alzheimer's Society and representatives from charities and community groups including Silverline, All About Dementia and Age UK, as well as the Babcock International Group, who provide vocational training.

Skelmersdale community singers and singer Sophie Bennett provided entertainment, while refreshments were provided by local company Marshside Teas.

The event was also attended by residents of the care homes, their friends and families.

Lesley Malone said: "There was a great turn–out for the event.

"I believe the forum is the answer to enhancing the quality of life of our elders, and ourselves, as we become elderly and hope to enjoy ourselves and age well.

"Meetings will be held every three months to discuss activities and events contacts, training and management involvement for elderly people, who may or may not be suffering from dementia, to ensure that they all have full community involvement and a great quality of life.

"It will also be for elderly people either suffering with dementia or age–related elderly memory loss and we will focus on the key theme of ageing well.

"We also want to share management and training to enhance the quality of life for elderly people who are living in care homes and also those living independently.

"Linking all of the services together to create a care forum is the answer to combating isolation and we want to make this happen for the community in West Lancashire.

"The Athena Health Care Group would like to thank all of the guests who attended the launch of the caring forum for West Lancashire."

Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Nikki Hennessy and delegates and guests who attended the launch of the elderly care forum at Abbey Wood Lodge **Code1084181**

MP congratulates new Labour party leader

ROSIE Cooper has congratulated Jeremy Corbyn on his election as new leader of the Labour party.

The West Lancs MP said: "I congratulate Jeremy Corbyn on his victory. Winning in the first round gives him a clear mandate from party members, supporters, and affiliates on leading the party ahead of the 2020 General Election.

"The challenge is now to secure the support of people in constituencies across the country if we are to get rid of this Conservative government in five years time."

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Stephen on song in contest again

A MUSICIAN from Aughton has reached the semi–finals of an a songwriting competition for the second year in succession.

Singer–songwriter Stephen Manley was a runner–up in the UK Songwriting Contest last year with his own composition, Ghost Alone.

And the 39–year–old is hoping to go one better this time with another self–penned song, Run Amy Run, from his recent EP album, Without Within.

Stephen said: "Following the success of Ghost Alone last year I decided to submit Run Amy Run into the 2015 competition and I'm delighted to have reached the semi–finals of the competition again. It shows that my songs are connecting with people."

Former pub set to open as Turkish restaurant

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A HISTORIC Ormskirk pub is set to re–open as a Turkish restaurant.

The former Plough on Church Street, which dates back more than 100 years, has been closed since March 2014 but is to set to become a restaurant named Turquaz.

In October last year Oak Park Estates submitted plans to West Lancs Council to convert the former pub into a 14–bedroomed student housing development with a two–storey rear extension to create two self–contained flats.

However, following opposition by local residents the plans were withdrawn by the developers ahead of the planning committee meeting in December.

The applicant then submitted amended plans to the borough council in February this year to retain the food and drink uses on the ground floor as a restaurant and cafe and/or drinking establishment and to convert the upper floors into student accommodation with nine study bedrooms and a two–storey extension to the rear to provide two two–bedroomed apartments on the upper floors and an additional kitchen area on the ground floor.

The new proposals were approved in March.

The planning, heritage and student housing needs statement stated that the applicants' amended plans had taken into account comments by local residents that the food and drink use of the building should not be lost, and added that the proposals were safeguarding a community facility.

The scheme would also help to alleviate the town's shortfall in student accommodation.

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Reverend Jones to leave parish church after 16–year stay

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

THE Vicar of Ormskirk Parish Church will perform his final service in the role on Sunday, October 4.

Reverend Chris Jones is stepping down to take on a ministry in North Meols and Banks.

He will be the minister for the North Meols team at St Stephen in the Banks, St John Crossens, St Cuthbert North Meols and Church at the Centre.

Stuart Haynes, director of communications at the Diocese of Liverpool and Liverpool Cathedral, said: "Chris and his wife Linda were called to us in 1999 and over the last 16 years have placed strong roots into the community.

"His patient, tenacious approach to ministry has brought much benefit to our parish. This can be seen through the strong links with the borough district council, the clear rapport with the ATC and the achievement of establishing a chaplaincy at Edge Hill University.

"He has also become a well–known and popular figure at both Lathom Park and Ormskirk Church of England schools.

"Like anyone, there have been highs and lows during his time here. We have suffered bereavements, we have been through times of change and uncertainty and have experienced times of great celebration.

"Throughout all this time Chris has been in the centre of our mission and ministry helping to steer and direct us as a church. With us he has embodied many of the values we hold dear in our church. Supported by Linda he has become a highly respected member of the town community.

Reverend Chris Jones and his wife Linda

"One of his great gifts has been in the development and encouragement of other people's ministries. He has displayed great generosity in allowing others to take part in a wide range of church activities giving freedom to try things. This has led to many people being in a position to share leadership in the church as we enter this period of vacancy.

"October 4 will be a celebration. A service where we get together and give thanks to God for 16 years of joint ministry. A service where we bless Chris and Linda as they follow God's call and move to the next phase of their ministry. A service for the church and community to say farewell but not goodbye. We hope everyone will join us to be part of that celebration."

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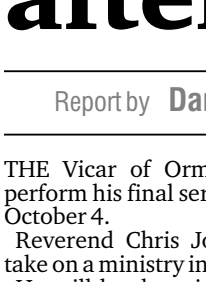

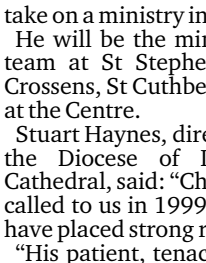

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Pedestrianisation has been costly for Ormskirk

I HAVE worked in Ormskirk town centre for 41 years.

I started work in Aughton Street in 1974, pre–pedestrianisation, when the town centre was a bustling, thriving area full of traffic and a huge assortment of shops. In addition, we had the market on Thursdays and Saturdays which was held alongside the traffic passing through, all of which seemed to work successfully.

The decision was made to pedestrianise the town and we had front row seats of the whole procedure. The town may well have been safer for people without the cars, but almost from day one there was what appeared to be at least weekly, if not at times daily, visits by 'the men with the truck' who would cement/re–cement/re–lay/amend/dig up/remove/replace the stonework which had been laid along the town centre streets. There will be men who have had an entire career being responsible for maintaining the pedestrianised areas.

In 1996 I moved to an office on Derby Street where I still work today and although I may not be able to observe the daily maintenance of the town I am still well aware of what goes on.

Over recent months we have had the re–jigging of Moor Street at great disruption to the poor shopkeepers/businesses and the weekly market traders located there – not forgetting the people who come to the town to shop. I have avoided the area when possible and I am sure a lot of people have been of a like mind.

So along came the 'completion' of the work and what happens? We have a lady stumbling in one of the gulleys. Colleagues of mine had already commented on the depth of the gulleys and how dangerous they appeared to be. We ourselves had 'wobbled' when walking on or near the gulleys and had discussed wheelchairs/pushchairs and visually impaired people and how they would be affected. Now we have the evidence that there is indeed already a problem with the new area.

The council are thinking of painting the areas white – how quaint! That will certainly fix the problem – not! I would take a guess that this will not be the answer and I suspect 'the men with the truck' will appear any day now to dig up and relay the areas under discussion.

I wonder just how much pedestrianisation has cost our town to date, not to mention how much it is going to cost in the years to come?

Have the council considered 'throwing down some tarmac' in the town centre? This is what they do on all our roads which then seem to receive little maintenance despite the daily pounding by vehicles. Surely the feet of people would be more comfortable walking on a bit of old tarmac with a few of ye–olde 'grids' thrown in – less slippy, no deep gulleys etc.

Whilst I work towards my retirement I look forward to observing the ongoing antics of the 'improvements' to Ormskirk town centre.

Anne Burt, Croft Avenue, Burscough

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Sailing on into the night

Daylight fades over Southport's Marine Lake to signal the start of the nightshift for competitors in last weekend's 24 hour yacht race.

Picture by Martyn Snape.

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We should be looking to reduce our population not take in more people

THE present debate about the refugee crisis is 18 years too late.

The last Labour government were responsible for letting in three million immigrants.

The fact is that the UK is massively overpopulated as a result, as can be seen by the shortage of houses and crowded roads.

We should be aiming to reduce our population by some 30 million.

Rather than allowing immigrants into the UK we should encourage people to leave and have less children.

As a result of the last Labour government's policy there are now eight million UK residents not born in the UK.

To begin with we should seek out and expel all people who have no right to be here – such as those granted citizenship through fake weddings and illegally gaining citizenship through false documentation.

Also, we should tighten up our asylum criteria and expel all those given asylum under the current loose criteria – asylum should be limited to those who have been threatened.

Anyone who commits a crime in the UK should have their citizenship withdrawn and stop this nonsense of a right to family life. To add to our problem, immigrants tend to have larger families.

With the present situation in Calais, anyone caught trying to enter the UK illegally should be returned to their country of origin.

I am worried about the German government's policy of granting asylum to people from Iraq as they will then be eligible to come to our overcrowded island.

All the refugees come from countries that have had massive population increases over the last 50 years and have damaged their own countries because of this. I do not see why the UK and Europe have to suffer.

J. M. Berry, Ormskirk

Refugees deserve our compassion

MANY people must have felt ashamed that our government has only reluctantly agreed to accept a limited number of refugees from areas like Syria and North Africa.

Germany and other countries have shown true compassion in welcoming more of these desperate people who risk their lives and the lives of their families to escape from war and terror.

Our local councils could surely arrange to give shelter to a moderate number. And some generous people would gladly offer an unused room to accommodate some of those who have survived a perilous journey leaving their homeland behind.

Charities like the Red Cross could co–ordinate these efforts.

Lots of people have already made donations to international appeals for help. Well done!

Maurice George, Yew Tree Road, Ormskirk

Why are cyclists and motorists allowed to flout the law with impunity?

I WOULD like to know why the two signs prohibiting cycling in Ormskirk town centre – one opposite the post office and one opposite the police station – have been taken down.

A law was passed in 1835 banning cyclists from all pavements.

And why are cars allowed to park on pavements and the drivers not fined?

It has cost me hundreds to rip up the car–damaged flags in my road and replace them with tar.

This is just one road in one town so what has it cost councils all over the country? It must have run into millions – and all paid for by our council tax!

Is it any wonder that the council has no money left for potholes in the roads?

Redgate, Ormskirk resident of 57 years

Parking chaos takes joy out of shopping

I WONDER if someone could please explain the parking regulations to me in Ormskirk town centre?

It appears that anyone can park anywhere regardless if it is double yellow lines or disabled spaces. There seems to be no–one checking parking on double yellow lines at all.

This town is in such a mess that there is no joy at all in shopping in Ormskirk any more. The congestion with traffic is getting worse by the day and now parking is just a joke.

What a shame that Ormskirk is ruined and no one cares any more.

Mary Agnew, Ormksirk

Please don't tar all landlords with same brush

I WOULD like to respond to the front–page article headed 'Students bullied by landlords – claims union' (Champion, September 9).

I am a responsible landlord of student housing in Ormskirk and I would like to remind all the Champion readers that we are definitely not all the same.

I do my best by my tenants and I will pick up the phone to them with any concerns at all times, all year.

I am prepared to help them and will let them move in early to get settled before the term starts.

I would not charge them extortionate, rip–off charges.

And I have seen some other landlords' flats after some students have moved out and I would think that some of the students being charged fees – although not at the prices named as these are too high – would have deserved to lose some of their deposit.

Keep an open mind, some of us are very reasonable.

Disappointed landlord, Ormskirk

Don't be so cheeky!

I TAKE umbridge with what David Symonds said about Birch Green being 'neglected and filthy' (Letters, July 29).

Some people don't keep their homes as nice as others but that is the same wherever you go.

He's got a cheek!

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'New' bar's link to town's past

A TOWN–centre bar in Ormskirk has re–opened with a new name linked to the town's heritage following a two–week £100,000 refurbishment.

Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Nikki Hennessy, officially opened the former Disraeli's in Church Street which will now be known as The Market Cross.

Kieron Fox and Anthony D'Annunzio are the new general managers and franchisees at the venue which will offer local real ales, as well as tapas, specialist pizzas and cocktails.

Former Radio City DJ Kieron told the Champion that he was returning to his roots as he has family in Ormskirk and worked for an audiovisual firm in the town during the 1980s.

He said: "I did a lot of research and found out that around 200 years ago where the clock tower is now there used to be a signpost called the Market Cross. We had considered a lot of names but the historic aspect of the Market Cross really jumped out at us."

Keiron Fox (right) and Anthony D' Annunzio outside The Market Cross Code1084032

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Parish councillor threatened with fine after canal clean–up!

By **Danielle Thompson**

Misunderstanding over rubbish bags led to fly–tipping accusation

A PARISH councillor who spent two hours removing six bags of weeds and rubbish from a canal bridge in his spare time was incensed when he was threatened with a fine for 'fly–tipping' by a borough council employee!

Burscough parish councillor Brian Bailey decided to spend the weekend weeding out grass, silt and rubbish from the Leeds–Liverpool canal near to the bridge on Liverpool Road North after he noticed that the bank was becoming overgrown with weeds.

But after filling six bags of rubbish and placing them on the nearest grit bin to pick up later on he was approached by a cleaning operative from West Lancs Council who told him to shift them immediately or else!

Cllr. Bailey said: "I realised that the bank by the canal bridge was becoming really untidy and overgrown so I went down and gave my time up to sort it out. It took me more than two hours because it was full of weeds, silt, mud, grass and all sorts growing in it.

"The bags were so heavy with the rubbish that I ended up using six and leaving them half full. I was putting them on top of the nearest grit bin to collect the next day when a West Lancs Borough Council street cleaner came over and told me that if I didn't remove the bags immediately, I would be done for fly–tipping!

Apology

"I was absolutely incensed – how dare he suggest I was doing something wrong, when, in fact, I was helping my community!

"When I explained the situation to him he did apologise and the council ended up picking the bags up for me the next morning but really it's quite appalling and it's coming to something that I could have done the job myself and then been fined for it!"

A spokesman for the borough council said: "Keeping the borough clean and tidy is a priority for the council and we encourage staff to speak to people who are seen leaving waste in public places in case rubbish is being fly–tipped. In this case the staff member acted appropriately in approaching parish councillor Brian Bailey.

"Once it was clear what was happening the borough council worker was happy to assist Councillor Brian Bailey with the removal of the bags of rubbish.

"The borough council regularly assists parish councils with clean–up activities in their areas. If he had informed us of what he was doing in advance we would have been happy to assist. Fly–tipping is a serious criminal offence and offenders can face fines of up to £50,000 for dumping household, commercial or industrial waste."

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Bus firms need to get timing right

IF you live anywhere between Skelmersdale, Ormskirk and Walton, chances are you are aware of the recent changes to bus services Arriva have made – and the waves of anger, particularly in Lydiate, that they have caused.

If you live elsewhere though, basically what has happened is that Arriva have scrapped their 311 service (which goes back certainly for 60 years), leaving Lydiate village with no bus link to Ormskirk.

Now, I have quite a lot of time for Arriva – and public transport in general. I can understand the commercial reasons for their decision – though perhaps the company could give consideration at least to provide some sort of service through Lydiate to Ormskirk on market days, Thursday and Saturday.

No, it's not the service changes that I find unforgivable – it's the efforts of whoever works out the timetables for the revised bus routes we now have through Aintree and Maghull that leave me totally gob–smacked.

The service revisions should mean that we still have four through buses an hour into Liverpool, with four in the opposite direction to Ormskirk and Skelmersdale (service 310) and Southport (the 300).

Trouble is, the timetable doesn't work out like that – actually it simply doesn't work at all.

From my local bus stop traveling away from Liverpool the 310 is timed to arrive at 3 and 33 minutes past each hour.

But guess what. The 300 should arrive at 4 and 34 minutes past (apart from Saturdays when they are apparently due at the stop at exactly the same time.

In the opposite direction they are due at exactly the same time as each other every hour.

This means two things. First, we do not have four buses an hour – effectively we have only two.

Secondly, as I was told by a prospective woman passenger, if they do arrive together then one stops, passengers alighting and boarding, and the other simply overtakes leaving its would–be clients with another half–hour wait.

I understand why Arriva introduced the route changes and I realise that since the 310 service links into the integrated service between Ormskirk and Skelmersdale it would therefore be difficult to change its times.

But as far as I know, the 300 is a 'stand alone' service which surely could be moved forwards (or backwards) by 15 minutes, so providing a proper 15–minute frequency?

I suspect that the times have been set by the respective depots that provide buses for the two services – Southport for the 300, Bootle for the 310. But surely the two talk to each other from time to time?

In fact, the situation in Maghull is even worse. As well as the two Arriva buses both arriving at stops around the hour and half–past, the Maghull Merseytravel 'circular' service, the 232, is timed at 32 minutes past and on three occasions during the day the 236 bus to Aintree Hospital is due at 29 or 59 minutes past! Not Arriva's fault – but very confusing.

Talking of Merseytravel, as far as bus services go, does this organisation have no business with local bus services apart from services such as the 232 and 236?

When a commercial bus company notifies them of service changes do they not even glance at the proposed timetables and can they not comment upon them?

The situation vis–a–vis the timing of the 300 and 311 is thoroughly irritating and needs fixing.

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Alison 'converts' her sporting dream into a business reality

Former West Lancs College student goes from helping out at local rugby club to opening her own physiotherapy clinic

Report by **Henry James**

A FORMER West Lancashire College student who first got interested in sporting injuries and therapy as a teenager by helping out at a local rugby club has achieved her dream of opening a physiotherapy clinic.

After completing her BTEC at the college Alison Houghton from Dalton went on gain a Bachelor of Science in sports therapy at the University of Central Lancashire.

Now she is putting her experience and qualifications to good use at her own clinic called Sport Spa in Appley Bridge, specialising in sports therapy, holistic and rehabilitation treatments.

Alison was 14 when she first started getting involved in physiotherapy by 'shadowing' Steve McDonald – who later became her sports therapy tutor at West Lancashire College – at Tarleton Rugby Club.

She said: "I enjoyed the experience so much at the rugby club that I decided to study for a BTEC in sports therapy at West Lancashire College. During my time there I gained so many qualifications, including a Treatment of Sport Injuries in Football Level 2 qualification through the FA.

Alison with mentor Steve McDonald

"Steve and the college were such a big help. Steve was easily the best tutor I had and he and the college took a genuine interest in helping me get to where I am today."

Steve commented: "Alison was an excellent student with great attendance and great attitude. She always volunteered for external events to help the college and gain some experience. I really can't praise her enough and I'm really proud to see how successful she has become."

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University record label shortlisted for award

By Danielle Thompson

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The non–profit enterprise, The Label Recordings, has been shortlisted alongside five other institutions in the Excellence and Innovation in the Arts category of the Times Higher Education Award.

The winner will be announced at a ceremony in London on Thursday, November 26.

The Label Recordings was set up in November 2013 by lecturers, Carl Hunter and Clare Heney, as an innovative means of promoting student employability in the notoriously closed–off music industry.

Through mentoring, shadowing and tutoring, the label operates like an industry placement. Student volunteers from various degree disciplines work across fluid teams in A&R (artist scouting), music and video production, marketing, event management and graphic design.

It has propelled Edge Hill from a relative unknown in the music industry to one of higher education's most credible voices in popular music.

The record label has had four signings so far –The Inkhearts, Hooton Tennis Club, The Little Secrets and SeaWitches.

All artists have received international airplay including on BBC Radio 2 and BBC 6 Music.

Hooton Tennis Club have now signed a record deal with Heavenly Recordings, been named NME's Band of the Week, received airplay on BBC Radio 1 and obtained a coveted slot at Glastonbury Festival 2015.

No other university record label in the last 10 years can match the level of music industry exposure achieved by The Label Recordings.

Roy Bayfield, director of corporate communications at Edge Hill, said: "I'm delighted. The shortlisting recognises the hard work and creative vision from students, staff and artists which has been constant since the project's inception.

"The Label continues to offer students unparalleled industry experience and opportunities and the success the acts are achieving is incredible."

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Still time to have a say on council's licensing policy on gambling

Report by **Henry James**

THERE is still time for people to give their views on the borough council's draft licensing policy on gambling.

The council is inviting people and businesses to comment on the document which will set out how it will continue to exercise its powers under the Gambling Act 2005.

A public consultation is being held until Friday, October 16 so people can give their views to ensure the draft document reflects the opinions of residents and businesses in the borough.

The council has made changes to the policy to reflect the changes in legislation relating to licensed gambling across the borough, including betting shops and bingo halls.

The draft policy can be found on the council's website at www.westlancs.gov.uk/licensing.

Councillor Kevin Wright, cabinet member for health and community safety, said: "We are very grateful to everyone who has responded to the consultation so far.

"It's essential that we get as much feedback from local people and businesses as possible to ensure our licensing policy remains a practical working document, so if you haven't given your views already please let us know what you think.

"The draft document has considerable changes from the current policy which sets out how we exercise our powers in this area. We have placed more emphasis on the issues in the locality of licensed operations and how such businesses are expected to meet the requirements of the legislation. All the views we receive will be assessed by members and will help shape the final policy."

Councillor Kevin Wright

The council has also contacted the police, the Gambling Commission, representatives of the licensed trade and cultural organisations to get a wide range of views across the borough.

All comments received will be presented to the licensing and gambling committee and the full council for the members' consideration.

To view of a copy of the draft policy, visit the council's website at www.westlancs.gov.uk /licensing. A limited number of hard copies are also available on request.

You can submit your views online, via email at licensing.enquiries@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to West Lancashire Borough Council Licensing Service, Robert Hodge Centre, Stanley Way, Skelmersdale WN8 8EE.

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Mental health team are on the ball for men

OFFICIALS at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust are reminding people that they offer a service in the borough aimed at men who are experiencing mental health issues such as depression, stress and anxiety.

The Mindsmatter team, previously known as Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT), set up the Goal Difference programme to help men of all ages who may be experiencing mental health problems.

In West Lancashire the centre is at JMO Sports Park in Skelmersdale.

The programme uses football terminology to lead the 'players' (service users) through 11 weekly 'matches' (sessions), looking at different techniques that can be used to help improve their overall health and wellbeing.

It is held at venues across Lancashire and teaches various Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) techniques to help the 'players' understand their thoughts and help them work towards improving their mental health.

Emma Nazurally

Emma Nazurally, Mindsmatter Service manager at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "Traditionally, men are a difficult audience to reach when it comes to discussing mental health due to obstacles such as stigma around the topic which can get in the way or stop men seeking advice and talking about their problems.

"Goal Difference provides a great way to specifically target men and encourage them to seek help in a safe environment which many will be able to relate to. It is important that men are aware of the services available to them to help deal with mental health issues so they don't suffer in silence."

Anyone wanting to find out more about the Mindsmatter service can self–refer to their local team who will set up a preliminary appointment to discuss a jointly agreed care programme, or contact their GP who can make a referral on their behalf.

For details of your local Mindsmatter team visit www.lancashirecare.nhs.uk/Mindsmatter.

Help is at hand for students too...

STUDENTS are being urged to call a care trust's helpline if they are feeling low.

The start of a new academic year can be daunting for those having to make new friends or being away from home for the first time.

Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's Wellbeing and Mental Health Helpline provides information on a range of issues including domestic violence, sleeping problems and eating disorders.

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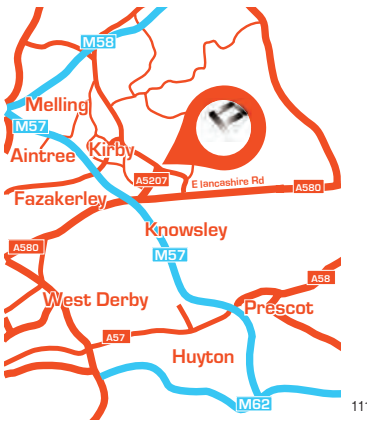

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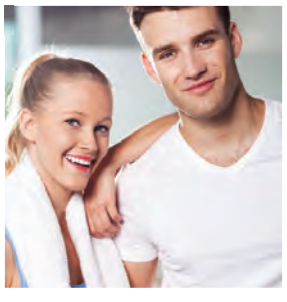

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Walkers stride out for church fund

A GROUP of walkers raised more than £100 for a local church with a sponsored trek around West Lancs.

The walk was organised and led by Lathom Park trustee and South Lathom parish councillor, Andrew Beeston, in aid of St James Church, Westhead.

The group started at the Plough Inn in Lathom and stopped off at the church en route for refreshments provided by the ladies of the church in return for a small donation.

All the proceeds, £108, will go towards the church decorating fund.

• RIGHT: The group setting off from the Plough Inn.

Launch date for book initiative

MORE than 120 primary school teachers from throughout Lancashire are expected to attend the official launch of an initiative which aims to encourage reading among youngsters in the county.

The Fantastic Book Awards will be launched by children's author Mo O'Hara at the Woodlands Conference Centre in Chorley on Wednesday, September 23.

Running until May 2016 and involve thousands of children from the county's schools, awards aim to support reading for pleasure and enjoyment by introducing newly–published fiction titles to nine to 11–year–old pupils, and encourage them to meet and discuss them at informal book clubs.

County Councillor Marcus Johnstone, Lancashire's cabinet member for environment, planning and cultural services, said: "This is a tremendous initiative which has my full support. Research tells us that interest in reading sadly declines considerably when children move on from primary to secondary school.

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"I really enjoyed reading when I was at school, and when I get time I still love nothing better than settling down with a good novel. We are fully committed to maintaining the high levels and standards of literacy here in Lancashire and I'll take a keen interest in who's won next May."

Mo O'Hara is the author of 'My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish' which was popular at last year's awards. As well as writing books, she has also scripted comedy sketches for Radio 4 and performs her own material.

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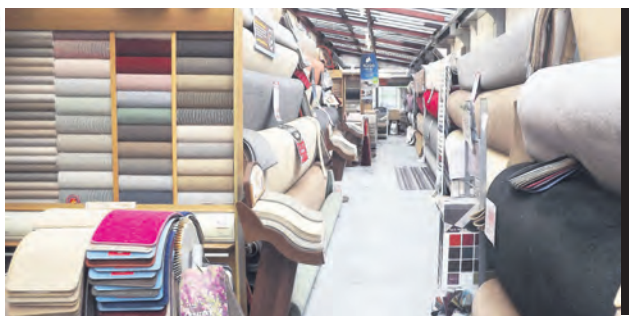

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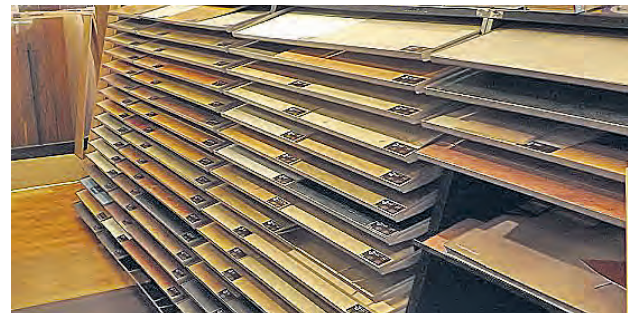

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National recognition for talented fencer

TALENTED local epee fencer, Richard Michell, has been awarded his British Cadet team colours.

The Scarisbrick Hall sixth form pupil has pursued his dream of fencing for the national cadet team for three years, narrowly missing out last year.

However, in January the 16–year–old returned to the selection circuit with a renewed determination to succeed and his hard work and perseverance have paid off with nomination for the Bonn International in November.

To gain a cadet (under–17) team place, a fencer must take part in the British Ranking Circuit tournaments. Selections are then made before each international based on the current rankings and the team typically consists of the top 10 to 15 fencers.

The complication of sitting his GCSEs reduced the number of tournaments Richard could realistically enter this year so he focused on events at Newcastle, Canterbury and Kidderminster (two).

Starting the season ranked 17th, he steadily improved his position at each competition and is currently 10th. He also successfully defended his under–16 regional title at the North West Youth Championships in March.

Richard proudly displays his British Cadet team colours flanked by Scarisbrcik Hall head teacher Mr Shaw and his fencing coach David Stobbs

Richard's dad, Paul, said: "So many people have helped Richard, both in the fencing world and beyond and he would not have been as successful without them. In particular the financial support from Lancashire County Council, Premier Wealth Management Ltd. and Nationwide Produce PLC have given him international standard equipment and enabled him to start receiving individual coaching throughout this summer.

"But most of all, credit must be given to David Stobbs whose coaching has really made a tremendous difference to Richard's performance, enabling him to compete at the top level of British youth fencing.

"Looking to the future Richard now needs to structure his schedule to match his international ambitions. His programme will have to be carefully combined with his A Level studies and require a much greater financial commitment to cover additional training and travel.

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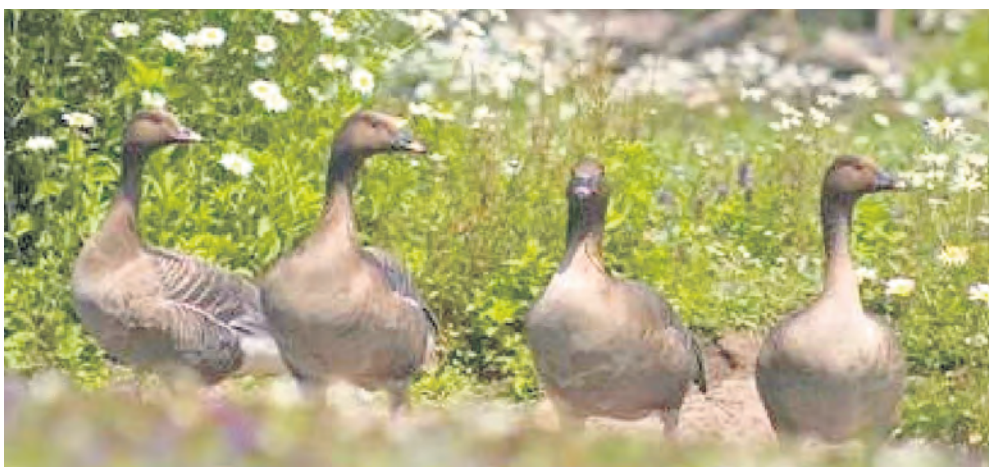

Pink–footed geese have already been spotted at Martin Mere

THE first 22 pink–footed geese have arrived at Martin Mere Wetland Centre from Iceland.

West Lancs residents are expected to hear the calls of more than 100,000 of the protected birds over the next few weeks as the migration begins and the geese use the North West as a 'service station' to re–fuel before continuing south for the winter.

For the first time, this year, Martin Mere staff are offering late closings until 7pm every Wednesday and Saturday from September 23 to allow more visitors to catch a sighting of the pink–footed geese.

Martin Mere has been voted one of the top ten places to go and watch birds in Birdwatching magazine this month.

Reserve manager, Tom Clare, said: "The geese need perfect weather conditions to make the journey from Iceland and there is a change in the wind direction expected that may slow down the migration but we would expect up to 40,000 geese using the reserve by late September and throughout October.

"My most memorable moment here at Martin Mere was before dawn and I had come to work early to carry out a count of the pink–footed geese.

"I wandered sleepily down to the Ron Barker hide and could immediately hear the 'murmuring' of many 'Pinkies'.

"As I looked out of the hide, the two marshes were completely covered with geese. I don't actually think any more could fit on them.

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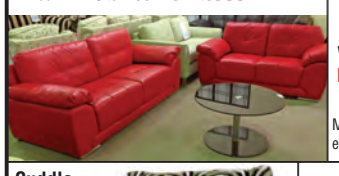

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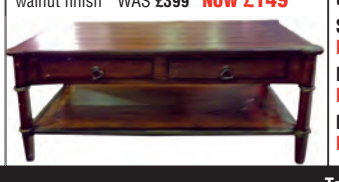

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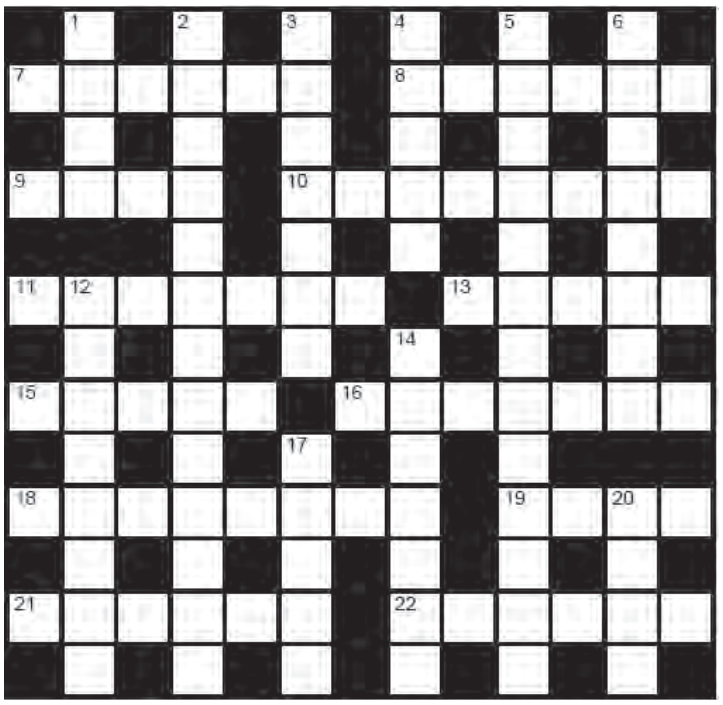

Last week's solutions:
Across: 7 Co-respondents. 8 Backslap. 9 Whoa. 10 Referee. 12 Lyric. 14 Roomy. 16 Abashed. 19 Jest. 20 Underage. 22 Time signature.
Down: 1 Iota. 2 Heckle. 3 Applied. 4 Snipe. 5 Leeway. 6 Atropine. 11 Esoteric. 13 Abiding. 15 Mother. 17 Sprite. 18 Cupid. 21 Giro.

ACROSS
7 Approaching, coming near (6)
8 Roman military unit (6)
9 Labour (4)
10 Compliant (8)
11 Unsteady with age (7)
13 Ugly, cave-dwelling creature in folklore (5)
15 Foul-smelling (5)
16 Actors' workplace (7)
18 Mythical Greek hero (8)
19 River that flows into the North Sea near Middlesbrough (4)
21 Land mass surrounded by water (6)
22 Untie (6)

DOWN
1 Emblem (4)
2 Careless (13)
3 Defer (7)
4 Musical composition for eight voices or instruments (5)
5 Series of events each influencing the next (5,8)
6 Cowboy or brand of jeans (8)
12 Cloudy (8)
14 Causing great horror or fear (7)
17 Forest clearing (5)
20 Water pitcher (4)

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Tom lines up a putt watched by businessmen, James Kersh and Andy Marshall during their round at Hurlston Hall

Tom gets back into the swing – thanks to care home initative

A FORMER trophy–winning golfer was able to get back into the swing of things – thanks to an Ormskirk care home's ongoing community initiative.

Tom Southern, who lives at Abbey Wood Lodge in County Road along with his wife of 60 years, Freda, enjoyed a day out at Hurlston Hall Golf Club as part of the home's project to help residents to experience their former job, hobby or sport again.

The 82–year–old former Ford Motors worker played a round with businessmen, James Kersh and Andy Marshall, while Freda, and staff and residents from the home enjoyed afternoon tea at the Scarisbrick country club.

Care home events organiser, Lesley Malone, said: "It was lovely to see Tom in action on the greens, watched by Freda, and recall when he played golf and won tournament trophies.

"Our new initiative helps our residents to enjoy a reminiscence and feel they have a sense of purpose."

Sue sees red over 'Green' fence

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

The fences that have been installed on 'The Green' in Aughton

AN irate resident has accused West Lancs Borough Council of being "sneaky" by putting up fences on a village community 'green space' on a Bank Holiday Sunday without prior consultation or notice.

Sue Lydiate, who lives in Town Green Lane, said that the low–level wooden fencing around 'The Green' in Aughton, close to her home, made her feel as though she had been "imprisoned."

However, the borough council said they worked in partnership with Aughton Parish Council to come up with a solution to people parking on the green and that residents had the chance to respond to the proposals but no complaints were received.

Sue said: "The Green is a grassed area on both sides of Whalley Drive and has 16 flats facing on to it which are lived in by either retired or almost retired tenants and owners. The flats were built in 1948 and I have lived there for the last 44 years.

"We received a letter from Cath Pulford, services manager at the borough council, to say a fence was going to be built in this financial year. We did not do anything at the time as we did not believe this would take place, but on the last bank holiday Sunday the fence was installed – which was sneaky.

"This was apparently authorised by the local parish council without any consultation with the residents, despite these being the people we have elected to look after our interests and the environment."

A spokesman for West Lancs Council said: "For some time the borough council had been receiving complaints from residents about car parking on this grassed area. Borough council officers liaised with Aughton Parish Council and considered a number of options to prevent this.

"The preferred solution, agreed with the parish council, was communicated via letters sent to residents referring to the complaints about parking and suggesting that the answer was for low–level fencing to be erected in the current financial year to prevent this. As no objections were received to this proposal, the works were carried out.

"The borough council ensured the fencing was low level and in keeping with the rural feel of the area. We are sorry to hear that Mrs Lydiate is dissatisfied, but we have received correspondence from other residents who are very happy with the solution.

"The borough council would like to point out there was nothing underhand about the contractor starting work on a weekend as has been implied."

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Primary pupils celebrate Queen's record reign

EXCITED schoolchildren celebrated the Queen becoming the longest–reigning British monarch last week.

Staff at St Mark's Church of England Primary School in Scarisbrick held a party to mark the milestone on Wednesday, September 9 when the Queen surpassed her great–great grandmother, Queen Victoria's reign of 63 years and seven months.

Pupils dressed up in the colours of the Union Jack for the day and enjoyed activities including making bunting, crowns and hats, as well as finding out how the flag was designed and facts and history about the royal family.

One class cooked cakes similar to the traditional Victoria sponge and called it the Elizabeth sponge, while another wrote letters to the Queen thanking her for her hard work and congratulating her on her achievement.

Staff also put on a street party event at lunchtime, when all classes at the school, from nursery children to Year 6, toasted the Queen with non–alcoholic fizz, stood for the national anthem and shouted three big cheers for Her Majesty.

Party time as the pupils celebrate the Queen becoming our longest reigning monarch. Code1084123

Head teacher, Mrs Freeman, said: "Our school provides the highest quality of education but learning needs to be fun too. Wednesday, September 9 was an important day in our history, especially as we are a Church of England school and the Queen is the head of our church.

"Our traditional values are embedded into the daily life of our school and we knew the day needed to be marked. We wanted to show that St Mark's are waving the flag for her majesty and congratulating her on this amazing achievement."

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Patients have their say at care trust's learning event

Pictured at the event are Dr Warren Larkin, Dr Alison Brabban, Professor Heather Tierney Moore and Dr Geraldine Strathdee

PATIENTS from throughout the county were invited to a free shared learning event hosted by Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust to communicate the importance of improving patient and public involvement in early intervention services for mental illness.

The Improving Access to Psychological Therapies for Severe Mental Illness conference was open to service users, carers, commissioners and members of staff at the trust to showcase the way the Early Intervention Service (EIS) has developed and to speak to the public face to face about their experiences.

Service users also spoke about their ideas for future developments and co–facilitated some workshop sessions alongside clinicians from the service.

The event was well attended by delegates from across the country and key speakers, including Dr Geraldine Strathdee, national clinical director for mental health at NHS England, were on hand to talk to service users and hear about their experiences.

Dr Warren Larkin, consultant clinical psychologist for the EIS and clinical director for the children & families network at the trust, said: "This was a great opportunity for service users, carers and members of staff to witness the work that's taking place to improve the services, ask any questions or offer feedback and any suggestions they have."

Watchdogs' thumbs–up for budget 'shades'

COUNTY council watchdogs have given the thumbs–up to a range of budget sunglasses on sale in Lancashire after tests showed they offer good protection from the sun's most harmful rays.

Lancashire County Council Trading Standards carried out checks on 14 pairs of low–cost sunglasses to see if they meet standards for blocking out ultraviolet (UV) and visible light.

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Borough's smokers urged to quit as countdown to Stoptober begins

WITH Stoptober only weeks away smokers in West Lancashire are being urged to sign up and quit the habit.

In Lancashire 19.8% of the population smokes, which is higher than the national average.

Figures showed that Lancashire County Council was the most successful local authority in the country in encouraging people to quit in 2014/15 but health chiefs are still keen to encourage more people to give up for good.

Stoptober is a national campaign organised by Public Health England and supported locally by Lancashire County Council.

County Councillor Lorraine Beavers, Lancashire's lead member for health, said: "Smoking is the major cause of poor health across Lancashire. More than 192,000 in the county people smoke and although this number is reducing year–on–year, that's still more than the national average. It's also a concern that 11% of young people smoke.

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Scheme offers chance for tots to tackle rugby

Report by **Holly Rummens**

THE Rugby World Cup kicks off this weekend with England facing Fiji at Twickenham on Friday (September 18) and now youngsters aged between two and seven are being given the chance to learn the basics of the sport with the re–launch of Rugbytots in Formby, Southport and Ormskirk.

The UK's first rugby–based play classes are re–starting in the area offering sessions for different age groups in the two to seven–year–old range in all aspects of the game, including running with the ball, finding space, kicking, catching, try–scoring and much more.

The men behind the re–launch are friends Will Gardner and Colin Bunting. The pals, who have played and coached rugby all of their adult lives, joined forces to launch Rugbytots for the benefit of the children on the Wirral in 2012 and have developed other areas subsequently.

They said: "This is an excellent chance to introduce rugby to a younger age group, in a fun, play setting whilst helping them to develop their physical, psychological and social skills."

All Rugbytots lead coaches are paediatric first aiders, RFU qualified rugby coaches, DBS checked and trained to a high standard to ensure the children enjoy their time in a safe and organised environment.

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‘Rural Oscars’ are now open for nominations

The 2015 Countryside Alliance Awards – the biggest annual celebration of communities, produce, enterprise and rural heritage – are now open to public nomination, this year with a new tourism category.

The awards, now in their 11th year, are voted for by the public. They recognise and honour all that’s best about enterprising rural businesses and those who routinely go the extra mile for their community or help to promote rural life.

Starting regionally, they build towards a national championship held at the Houses of Parliament in April 2016.

Categories reflect the diversity of rural business, embracing everything from farm shops, butchers and post offices to breweries, B&Bs and farm parks. They include Local Food & Drink, The Daily Telegraph Village Shop/ Post Office Awards, Butchers, Tourism and Enterprise.

Awards director, Jill Grieve, said: “We started the ‘Rural Oscars’ 11 years ago in order to give a voice and a platform to rural business and in that time they have become the gold standard of rural awards.

“They are, of course, about our produce and communities but more than that they are about the people whose contribution to rural life and the rural economy can never be over–stated.

“These awards are a true celebration of rural life and business so I urge everyone to get behind their businesses and help us shine a spotlight on their efforts.”

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Playful pup’s ‘tiger hunt’ captured on camera

CHASING a tiger isn’t usually the safest pastime but thankfully the striped feline that Border collie pup Riker is pictured in pursuit of here was of the stuffed toy variety!

The fun snap was submitted by keen amateur lensman, Andrew Barton.

It was one of a series taken by the marketing agency boss, who is hoping to launch a photography business in the future, of the family’s 12–week–old pet in the garden of their Burscough home.

Andrew Barton’s photograph of his dog Riker

Andrew said: “Obviously, I wouldn’t normally condone hunting with dogs, but I thought this image of my Border Collie puppy Riker ‘taking down’ a tiger was quite funny.”

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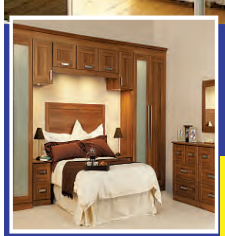
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Russell Watson: Southport is a place close to my heart

The singer told Champion reporter Henry James of his incredible journey from working men's clubs to world star – and why he likes performing in the resort he knows so well

Russell Watson will be singing at Southport Theatre next month.

CLASSICAL singer Russell Watson, known as The Voice, is promising an intimate concert when he returns to perform at Southport Theatre.

It is 11 years since he sang in the resort in front of thousands of people at the Summer Classics in Victoria Park and the 48–year–old newly–wed has fond memories of the show.

The Salford born singer told The Champion: "There must have been eight or nine thousand people there and it was a superb concert.

"The night I performed it was a beautiful sunny day and the place was packed to the rafters. It was a fantastically memorable day.

"I have done a couple of charity nights there more recently. Southport is a place close to my heart. My dear old gran used to take me there on a train as a kid. We would go to the fair and go on the beach."

Speaking about his concert in Southport on Tuesday, October 6 with his Up Close and Personal tour he said: "I want each person to feel that each performances is designed specially for them.

"I hope the fans will come and be drawn in by the performance and feel they have been on a bit of a journey with me."

It was two years after the Summer Classics concert in Southport that the singer was diagnosed with a pituitary tumour. He had an operation to remove it but the tumour returned and had to be removed again and he was in a critical condition for a time.

"I was more concerned about my young children and how they were dealing it," he said. "I was thinking if they were to lose me how would they manage without me. But thank God I got through it and I now feel as good as I have ever been."

The singer started out on a Youth Opportunities Programme as a bolt–cutter and sang at clubs in the north west to earn extra money.

He believes the turning point of his career came when he appeared at Wigan Road Working Men's Club in Leigh and the venue's secretary said he should add Nessun Dorma to his repertoire. Since than Watson has sung for royalty and US presidents and has performed at some iconic locations such as the Nou Camp stadium in Barcelona and Buckingham Palace. He lists singing for Pope John Paul II at the Vatican in Rome as one of the highlights of his career.

He said: "When I performed I had 140 musicians roaring behind me, along with a choral section of 500.

"In the front row there were 3,500 specially invited dignitaries from across Europe. The Pope was in his own private box.

"There were also half a billion people watching on television.

"I looked around and thought I used to sing at a working men's club in Leigh!"

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Senior police pair honoured at annual 'Supers' conference

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

TWO senior police officers from Lancashire have been recognised for their work in protecting vulnerable people and the force's use of IT respectively.

Detective Superintendent Sue Cawley received the President's Leadership Award and Superintendent Richard Robertshaw won the Excellence in Policing Award at the Police Superintendents' Association of England and Wales (PSAEW) annual conference this month.

Sponsored by Police Mutual, the annual awards are judged by the president and vice–president of the association and recognise the achievements of superintendents and chief superintendents and their contribution to policing.

As head of the public protection unit at Lancashire Constabulary, Det. Supt. Cawley has led improvements to services for vulnerable people. Her work to develop relationships with victims' families and work closely with many partners and charities has improved trust in the police and officers and staff have been able to learn from these experiences.

Her work has been recognised and acknowledged in a number of inspections by HMIC around domestic abuse and a national inquiry into child sexual exploitation.

Supt. Richard Robertshaw, the force's head of ICT, was nominated for improving the force's use of technology "beyond recognition" with achievements including the introduction of technology to support mobile working and a child abuse investigation database that was the first of its kind in the country.

He has also introduced a 'partnering with expertise' working arrangement between the police and BT in Lancashire which has given the force the flexibility to bring in professional ICT expertise where needed, without committing to a full outsourcing deal.

PSAEW president, Chief Superintendent Irene Curtis, said: "I was delighted to read the nominations for Sue and Richard. They are very different areas of work but both incredibly important.

"Sue's work is the very reason we have a police service and is clearly making a real difference to people who need our help, while Richard's work makes sure that the police can do the things they need to do every day to keep people safe."

'Blue' campaign calls on men to check for cancer symptoms

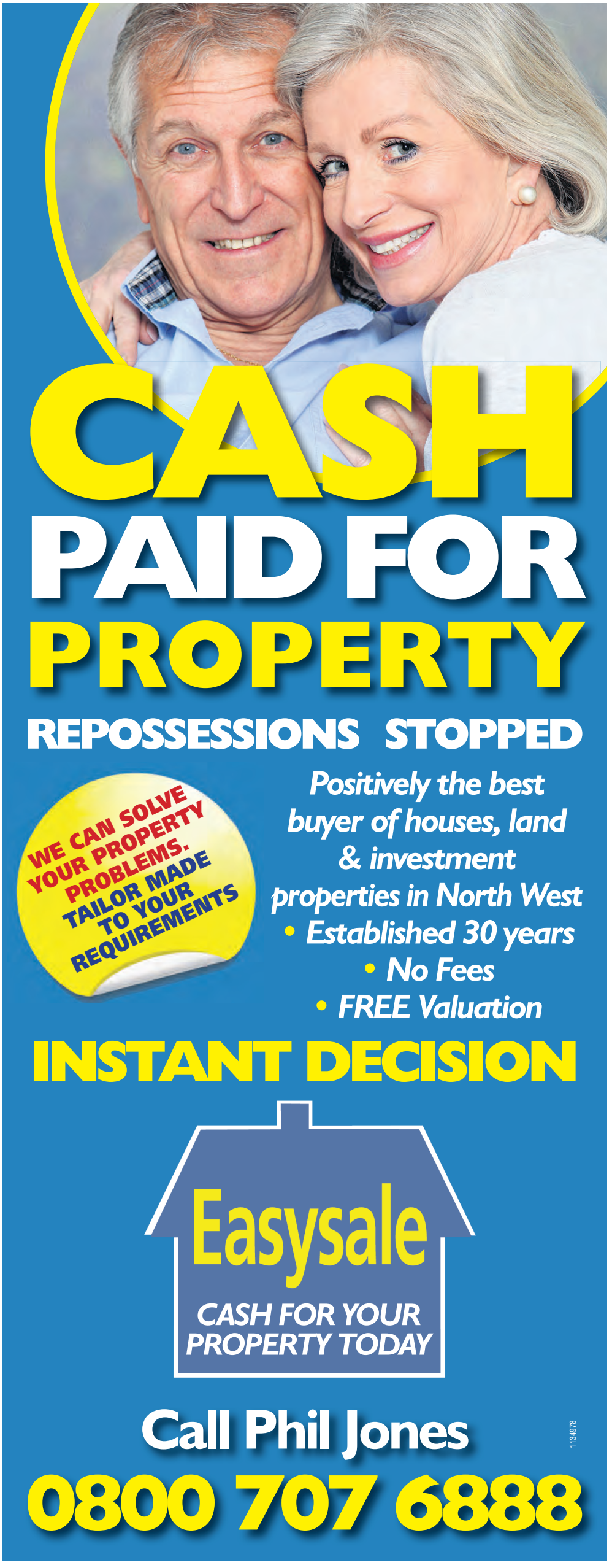
MEN in West Lancashire are being reminded of the importance of having symptoms of male cancers checked.

The Communities Against Cancer Team at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust is supporting the Blue September campaign which runs throughout this month and aims to raise awareness of cancer in men.

It calls on men to take preventative action by improving their health and wellbeing and educates them about the importance of early diagnosis and recognising signs and symptoms.

Men are more likely to delay going to their GP with symptoms of cancer leading to poor outcomes.

Blue September highlights the importance of discussing health concerns with a GP sooner.



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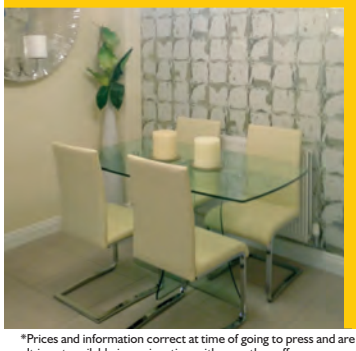

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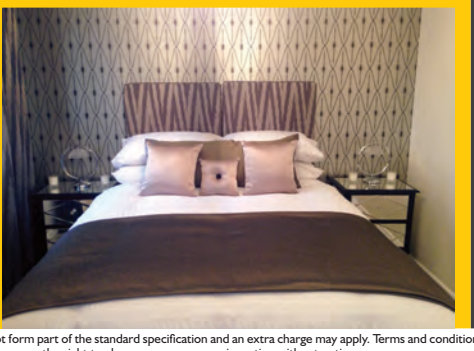

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PARBOLD Picture House has announced that it will be screening Kenneth Branagh Live, three productions from the new Kenneth Branagh's Theatre Company at The Garrick Theatre in London's West End.

Branagh will present a series of plays that bring together a remarkable group of actors led by Judi Dench, Derek Jacobi, Lily James and Richard Madden.

The Picture House will present Shakespeare's The Winter's Tale, starring Kenneth Branagh and Judi Dench on Thursday, November 26 at 7pm.

Later productions include Romeo and Juliet in July 2016 and John Osborne's The Entertainer in October 2016.

The Picture House will also present the National Theatre– Bristol Old Vic production of Charlotte Bronte's classic novel Jane Eyre over one evening on Thursday, December 8 at 7pm.

The original production was devised by the Bristol Company and presented over two evenings. It received positive reviews and this production promises to repeat the experience.

Opera Australia's spectacular production of Verdi's AIDA in Sydney harbour where the opera is set in Ancient Egypt will now be presented on Tuesday, September 22 at 7pm.

The date has been moved on a week from that originally scheduled.

For further information or to purchase tickets visit the Box Office at www.parboldpicturehouse.org, by phone at 01275 463878, or in person: Doors open at 6.30pm.

Judi Dench Code NA

Folk–rock band head to Atkinson

THE Brighton–based folk–rock band who are known for incorporating prog, pop and classical elements to original effect head to The Atkinson.

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They were nominated in the Best Group category in the BBC's Alternative BRIT Awards and won the equivalent category in the Fatea Awards 2012 and the 2013 Spiral Earth Awards.

They are constantly evolving with a brave approach to production and arrangement that seeks peculiar ways of blending acoustic and electric instruments; for example, putting Bassoons and strings through effects and distortion.

Leading from the Cello, female songwriter and virtuosic player Hannah Miller creates another worldly framework in which characters move between the realms of Nature, Magic and Science.

Moulettes are live at The Atkinson at 7.30pm today (Wednesday, September 16). Tickets are available online at theatkinson.co.uk, or on 01704 533333.

Company to hit stage again

THE cast and crew of BOS Musical Theatre Company are about to hit the stage once again at Southport's Little Theatre, in their latest production of Oliver.

The cockney accents of the children and adults, hollering, cajoling and selling on the streets of London are all but some of the experiences in store in this production.

Jamie Lester, NODA award winner with BOS, returns to the stage as the much loved and roguish Fagin, with his band of half–pint friends in their hovel of a residence.

The shows formidable Bill Sykes played by Carl Sedman, keeps Nancy on her toes and Fagin on the jittery edge of protecting his growing treasures.

Show's director Liz Clarke, has nurtured and developed the cast to produce a well–placed show that aims to have their audiences enthralled.

BOS' lead character, secondary school student Thomas Corcoran – used to being on the stage – plays Oliver. Oliver tries hard to keep up with his new friend, Artful Dodger, played by Lucas Frost. Mr Bumble is played by Ian Lawson and Widow Corney by Patricia Tissot

There is no doubt the show's cast are excited to be a part of this production and it is evident in their commitment to the weekly rehearsals.

Karen Parkinson, the show's choreographer, has been challenged for this musical.

The production will be at the Little Theatre, Southport from October 3 to 10 inclusive. There is a matinee on Saturday 10 at 2pm.

For more information logonto www.BOSmtc.co.uk or call the theatre booking office for tickets, daily at 11am – 2.30pm from September 26 on: 01704 530521.

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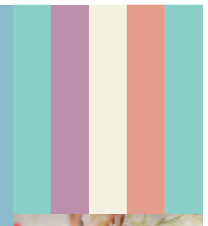

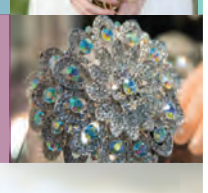

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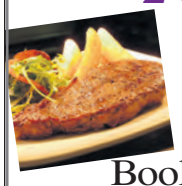

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She has recently graduated from The Kirsty Moss School of Theatre and Dance to embark on her next step of dance and theatre training at College. She gained a place at the prestigious dance school, The Hammond in Cheshire and also at The Elliott Clarke College in Liverpool which she is now very happy to be attending. Kirsty and Mrs Moss would like to wish Olivia the best of luck with her next chapter at college and are delighted that she has been chosen to compete at the dance awards again.

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Announcements

DEATHS

Evans Alan

1st September 2015

Peacefully in hospital aged 89 years

Dearly beloved husband of the late Eileen. Much loved dad to June and son-in-law to Graham. Dear grandad and great-grandad. Funeral Service and Committal will take place on Friday 18th September 2015 at 1.20pm at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only, but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Stocks Hall Care Home Ltd. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough L40 5UU. Tel 01704 897770. 1143672

DEATHS

MALIA HILDA

9th September 2015, peacefully with her loving family beside her, aged 78 years

Loving wife of the late James. A much loved mum, nan and great-grandma. Hilda will be sadly missed by all her family and many friends. Funeral Service will take place at St John the Baptist Church, Burscough on Friday 18th September 2015 at 3.00pm followed by interment in the churchyard. Flowers or donations if so desired are being gratefully received by the family for Queenscourt Hospice or Cancer Research UK. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel 01704 897770. 1143783

DEATHS

Golding Catherine Ethel

Aged 58 years

8th September 2015. Passed away peacefully at Silverbirch Nursing Home.

Beloved wife of Derek. Loving mother of Alan, Richard, Steven and Tricia. Devoted grandma to all her eight grandchildren. Funeral service to take place on Friday 18th September 2015 at 12.40pm at Southport Crematorium. Donations if so desired for Macmillan Nurses and Cancer Research. All enquiries to FJ Gibb Funeral Directors, 6A Clarence Road, Southport PR8 4BH. Tel: 01704 551666 1143717

DEATHS

Morgan Jean

9th September 2015

Peacefully in hospital Aged 81 years

Loving wife of Alf. Devoted mum of Nigel and Neville, dear mother in law of Pamela and Susan and cherished grandma of Caroline and Thomas. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St Helens crematorium on Friday 18th September at 1pm. Family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for the Alzheimers Society. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Services, 29/31 Sandy Lane WN8 8LA. Tel: 01695 559868 1143819

DEATHS

HUNTON MARILYN ANN R-I-P

3rd September 2015

Aged 74 years

Dearly loved wife of Michael, amazing mother to Michelle and Leonie, beloved grandma to Amelia, Lawrence, Prudence, Primrose and Montgomery. Marilyn will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 17th September at 1:20pm. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086. 1143737

DEATHS

Newton Elizabeth Ellen

4th September 2015 Peacefully aged 78 years.

Loving wife of the late John, Devoted mum of Gary and Susan (Dec'd) Dear mother in law of Julie, cherished nan of Ryan, caring sister of Lionel and Sheila. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service and Interment will take place at St Paul's Church on Wednesday 16th September at 11am. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Cancer Research UK. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Services, 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868 1143804

DEATHS

RIGBY MAUREEN (nee Hanlon)

10th September 2015, aged 81 years, peacefully at home

A dearly loved wife of Jim, a precious mum to Paul and Val, a dear nana to Alex and Sian, she will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Our hearts are filled with memories
Which we gather through the years
All the happy times we shared
Are treasured souvenirs
Forever a family of Six

Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 21st September at 10:40 am. No flowers by request of the family please, but in gratitude of the wonderful care provided, donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice and Queenscourt At Home. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086. 1143754

DEATHS

WARD Veronica (Ronnie)

on 8th September 2015

Loving wife to Michael, cherished mother to Jacqui, Michael (Decd), Tony, Julie and Lynn, dear mother in law to George and Billy, devoted grandmother to Tony, Natalie, Ashliegh, Paddy and Milly, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. God saw her getting tired, a cure was not to be, he wrapped her in his loving arms and whispered "Come with me". She suffered much in silence, her spirit did not bend. She faced her pain with courage until the very end, she tried so hard to stay with us, but her fight was not in vain. God took her to his loving home and freed her from her pain. Funeral service will take place at St. Helen's Crematorium on Thursday 17th September at 11.00am. all enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane. 1143805

DEATHS

AXON James Norman "Norman"

12th September 2015

Aged 83 years Peacefully in Southport hospital

Beloved husband of Barbara, much loved dad to Carol, father-in-law to Neil, loving grandad to Daniel, dear brother to Les and brother-in-law to Betty. Norman will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Grateful thanks to Doctors and staff at The Grange Surgery and to the doctors and nurses on Ward 11B at Southport Hospital. Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 21st September at 2.40pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for British Heart Foundation. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086. 1143786

ANNIVERSARIES

Eileen McLoughlin

20 Years and two great kids later!

Love to my wife Eileen McLoughlin on our 20th wedding anniversary on 15th September 2015. From your husband Mark, Lauren & Stuart 45332

BIRTHS

Rosalie Anne Sumner

Born 14th September 2015

Weighing 6lbs 14ozs

1143826

Congratulations to Carly and Nigel Sumner on the arrival of their beautiful baby daughter Rosalie. All our love Auntie Amy, Auntie Kim, Uncle Jacob, Nanny and Grandad, Great Nan, Gags and all the pets!
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BIRTHDAYS

James Christian

19th september 2004

Happy 11th Birthday

Happy birthday

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IN MEMORIAM

Charnock Leonard William

20th September 2014

God took you into his arms,
He saw you needed rest,
His garden must be a
beautiful place,
For he only takes the best.

Thank you for
the years we shared,
All the love you gave and
the way you cared,
To see you go
was hard to bear,
But now I know
you're in God's care.

Fond memories of my
beloved husband
From your ever
loving wife, Carol.

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IN MEMORIAM

Noonan Thomas (Tom)

In loving memory of a
dearly missed Husband,
Dad and Grandad

21 September 2014

We thought of you
with love today,
but that is nothing new,
We thought about you
yesterday and days
before that too,
we think of you in silence,
we often speak your name,
all we have are memories
and your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our
keepsake, with which
we'll never part,
God has you in His
keeping, we have you
in our hearts.
All our love always,
Margaret xx
Joanne & John xx
Paula, Thomas,
Rachel & Sarah xx
Karen, Chris, Daniel &
Emily xxxxxxxxxx

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IN MEMORIAM

McCulley Sarah

20.09.2005

Your life was
a blessing
Your memories
a treasure
You are loved
beyond words
and missed
beyond measure.

Loving husband
Ray & Family
xx

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Sutton John Edward

20th September 2009

Another year has gone
by and it seems like
yesterday, waiting for
the shout at the door

We will see you
soon John,
love Mum and Dad
xxx

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Edwards Neil

Jean and the family of the late Neil Edwards who died on 8th August, wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives & friends for the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent bereavement. Also for the cards, letters of condolence, floral tributes received and donations to Scleroderma Society & Prostate cancer. Also thanks to Peter Goulding for a comforting service and to the Co-operative Funeral Care for all the funeral arrangements.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Hobson Ronnie

9th September 2015

Peacefully in hospital aged 62 years.

Beloved Dad of Becky, Luke and Amy and a dear Brother of Charlie, John, Peggy and Michelle. ("Nanite God Bless xxx") Ronnies funeral service will be held at Sefton Church, Sefton Village on Thursday 24th September at 1:15pm followed by committal at Thornton Garden of Rest. Please make enquiries to Barrington's Funeral Services Tel: 0151 928 1625

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

RYLANDS RONALD DAVID (DAVE)

Jean and all the family wish to thank everyone for their kind wishes, donations and expressions of sympathy and support. It was lovely to see so many who attended Dave's funeral to say goodbye to a true gentleman. It was very much appreciated by us all. Thanks to Peter Goulding for the beautiful service and a special thank you to Wendy and all at Howard's Funeral Directors for their caring and dignified arrangements.

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Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (CHEQUER LANE, UPHOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) (No.3) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over that length of Chequer Lane from its junction with Ravenhead Way to its junction with Pimbo Lane, Upholland West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-

Chequer Lane - Tower Hill Road - A577 Ormskirk Road - A577 Newgate Road - A577 Windmill Road - A577 Stannanought Road - Ravenhead Way and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative daily from 0800 hours until 2000 hours on Monday 28th September 2015 to Friday 2nd October 2015, or until completion of the works within this period.

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/08/15/339]

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PUBLIC NOTICES

West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2015/0841/OUT Outline application including details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for up to 54 Class C3 dwelling houses with access on land to the west of Ormskirk and District General Hospital, Wigan Road at Hospital Buildings On Land Adjacent To Pinfold Road, Ormskirk.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2015/0619/FUL Single storey side and rear extension. Raised patio to side at Glenavon, 52 Granville Park West, Aughton.
Application No: 2015/0740/LBC Listed Building Consent - Erection of new brickwalls with metal rails and metal gates at Toby Tavern Bar And Grill, Ashurst Road, Ashurst, Skelmersdale.
Application No: 2015/0894/FUL Two storey side extension and conversion of existing detached garage to living space at Sunnyside, 4 Junction Lane, Burscough.
Application No: 2015/0932/FUL Erection of new brickwalls with metal rails and metal gates at Toby Tavern Bar And Grill, Ashurst Road, Ashurst, Skelmersdale.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.
John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Assistant Director Planning
Dated: 16th September 2015
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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (THE COMMON, PARBOLD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over that length of The Common, Parbold, from its junction with Tan House Lane to a point outside property number 25, The Common, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-

The Common – Lancaster Lane – Tan House Lane – The Common and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable new electrical connection works to be undertaken.

The prohibition will be operative from 0900 hours on Tuesday 15th September 2015 until 1530 hours Monday 28th September 2015, or until completion of the works within this period.

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/15/62/ARH]

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 15 PUBLICITY FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

PLANNING APPLICATION NO - LCC/2015/0088
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Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the County Council at the Lancashire County Council, Development Management Group, County Hall, PO Box 100, Preston, PR1 0LD, by email to DevCon@lancashire.gov.uk by 7 October 2015 or via 'Have your Say' on the County Council's website **planningregister.lancashire.gov.uk**

Information regarding the decision on the application will be available on our website within 5 working days of the date of decision. Details on how to make further representations and speak at the Development Control Committee can be found on our web page.

In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made by the owner or the tenant to the Council about this application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations. Any owner or tenant wishing to make representations should do so by the date given above.

Andy Mullaney, Head of Service for Planning and Environment
On Behalf of Lancashire County Council
Date: 16 September 2015

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DEAR SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In the past I have asked
for many favours.
This time I ask for
one special favour.
(mention it)

Take it dear heart of
Jesus and place it
within your own broken
heart where your Father
sees it. Then in his
merciful eyes it will
become your favour,
not mine.

Amen

Say this prayer for three days, promise publication and your favour will be granted. Never to be failed.

KEC

DEAR SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In the past I have asked
for many favours.
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Amen

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A.S

PRAYER

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

Grateful thanks to God the Father for his compassion.

K.E.C.

This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published.

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PRAYER

HOLY SPIRIT

You, who make me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideals. You, who gave the Divine Gift to forgive and forget all that is done to me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank You for everything and affirm once more that I never want to be separated from You no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in their perpetual glory. To that end, and submitting to God's Holy Will, I ask You *(mention your request).*

This prayer must be said for three consecutive days. After the third day the request will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Promise to publish the entire dialogue as a condition of having your request granted.

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PRAYER

THANKS Our Lady & St Jude. Prayers answered. June (45488)

PRAYER

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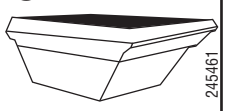
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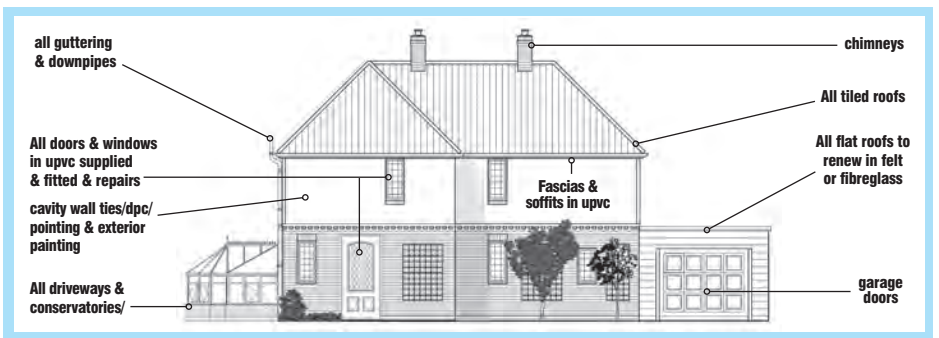
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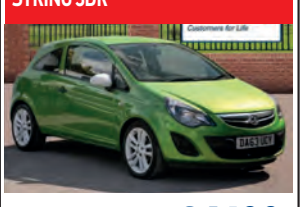

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I'll admit it – I do like the Allegro

THERE are plenty of great cars I don't particularly like. Yet it takes a different sort of topsy–turvy logic altogether to like what's widely regarded as Britain's worst car.

If you're the sort of armchair car critic who's had their idea of what constitutes a rubbish car cemented through a lifetime of Jeremy Clarkson DVDs then you might as well flick straight through to The Champion's match reports. If on the other hand you're prepared to give even motoring's worst offenders a fair trial, then you'll be shocked by the verdict.

I've just spent the past three days hoofing about in an Austin Allegro – and I really enjoyed it.

It's fashionable to give the poor old Allegro a kicking. In the past couple of years the tabloids have picked up on at least three surveys naming and shaming it as Britain's worst car, in 2012 a Tory peer likened a poorly thought–out Government policy and Jeremy Clarkson could only think of the Morris Marina when looking for cars he hated more. In fact, I nearly joined them when a 1.1–litre Series 3 Allegro left me stranded on the M11 a couple of months ago.

So I wasn't expecting much when a colleague chucked me the keys to his pride and joy – a V–registered Allegro 1.3 in a fantastically Seventies shade of brown with beige seats. Certainly, I wasn't expecting to fire faithfully into life every time I tried to start it.

Nor was I expecting it to go and steer in a genuinely entertaining way. I know from the 1.1–litre car I borrowed a few months ago that to drive they feel a bit like a Mini that ate all the pies, but this 1.3–litre car had just enough extra oomph to overcome the podge. I know you'll find it hard to believe, but the right Allegro is a fun car to drive!

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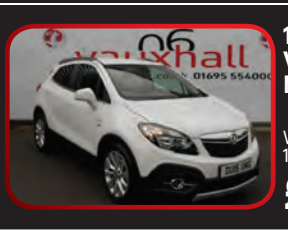

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Amount of Credit	**£8,300**
Charge for Credit	**£1,867.60**
Finance Facility Fee	**£10.00**
Purchase Fee	**£10.00**
Balance of Amount Payable	**£10,187.60**
Total Amount Payable	**£10,542.60**
Monthly Payments	**60 x £169.46**
Term (months)	**60**
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Total Deposit	**£995**
Amount of Credit	**£10,000**
Charge for Credit	**£2,250.20**
Finance Facility Fee	**£10.00**
Purchase Fee	**£10.00**
Balance of Amount Payable	**£12,270.20**
Total Amount Payable	**£13,265.20**
Monthly Payments	**60 x £204.17**
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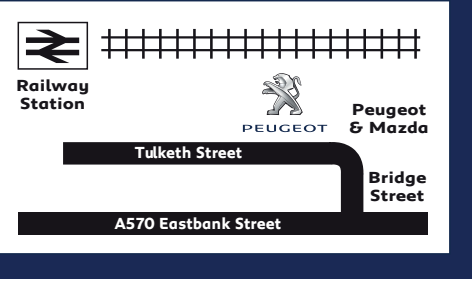

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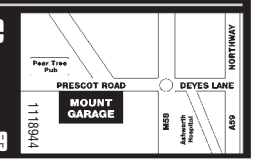

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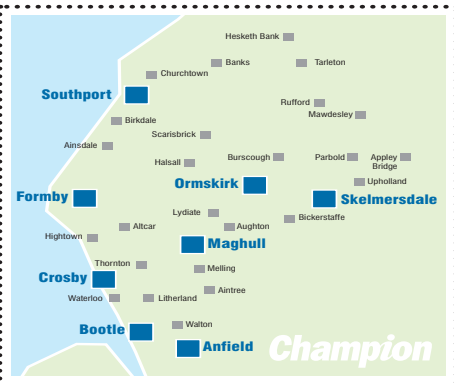

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Joy for Burscough as they clinch Second Division title

CONGRATULATIONS to Rob Glaysher's Burscough side who recorded a 4 wicket home win over Old Xaverians to clinch the Second Division title, the visitors were asked to bat and bowled out for 154 with number 10 Ian Formby top scoring with 60, whilst Navdeep Aujla took 4–10 and Jon Stone 4–46 with the ball. In reply, Lee Berrie (50) and Ryan Hughes (34) laid the foundations for the hosts to wrap up victory on 157–6.

Hightown St Mary's had a narrow 1 wicket away win at Alder, the hosts chose to bat and were dismissed for 149 with Muhammad Zahid (45) top scoring, whilst Paul Jones 6–33 took the bulk of the wickets to fall. In reply, an unbeaten 69 from Kamran Hussain led the visitors to victory on 150–9.

In the First Division Ainsdale were beaten at home by 2 wickets against champions Colwyn Bay, as several Ainsdale batsmen made decent starts but failed to kick on, for a total of 152. In reply, 5–52 from Adnan Rasool wasn't enough as the visitors wrapped up victory with Phil Jenkins on 38 not out.

Maghull remain third in the First Division after a home draw against Northop Hall, the hosts were put in and thanks to Liam Crilly (95), Greg Gillespie (76), Joel Brockley (32) and Paul Walters (27) were able to declare on 244–6. In reply, the visitors hung on for a draw on 214–9, with Ammar Mahmood (53) top scoring, whilst Ryan Swiers took 3–56 and Jack Snowdon 3–71 with the ball.

Fleetwood Hesketh ensured safety with a draw at Newton le Willows who posted 197–8 declared with Aaron Halsall who took 7–48. In reply, despite 74 from Neil Rimmer and Lee Rimmer's 36, Hesketh finished on 188–7.

Final thriller as Ormskirk capture Ray Digman Trophy

ORMSKIRK clinched the Ray Digman Trophy at Colwyn Bay in thrilling fashion on Sunday by virtue of losing fewer wickets with the scores tied on 202.

Last season's Liverpool & District Cricket Competition Premier Division champions were, though, well beaten at home by Bootle on Saturday,*writes Glenn Wallworth.*

They were dismissed for 107 with Chris Stenhouse taking 5–28 and Greg Butterworth 3–1, and in reply, visiting skipper Craig Prince led from the front with an unbeaten 59 to steer his side to victory on 109–1.

Southport & Birkdale lifted themselves out of the drop zone with a superb 6 wicket home win over Highfield.

The visitors chose to bat and recovered from 27–3 to post 234–5 dec, thanks to an unbeaten century from Michael Gaskell (134*) and 60 from Rob Halliwell, while Scott Lees took 3–18. In reply, Ian Sutcliffe (75) and Josh Bohannon (40) gave S&B the perfect platform, before Chris Brownlow (71*) and Jack Morris–Holland (29*) finished the job off on 238–4 sending Highfield down, so with one game remaining it's a now a three way fight between S&B, Wallasey and Leigh to avoid joining Highfield in the First Division next season.

Formby were beaten by 10 runs at newly crowned champions New Brighton, where Khurram Hussian (54) top scored in the hosts' total of 173, with Graham Bolton taking 3–44 and Charles Gallagher 3–53. In reply, Formby slipped from 147–4 (Dane Williams 65) to 163 all out, thanks to 5–39 from David While and 3–52 from Ashraf Nawab.

Northern lost at Birkenhead Park by 3 wickets and on Saturday but then defeated New Brighton by 5 wickets on Sunday bowling them out for 213 with David While scoring a century, while Scott Snaylam claimed 5–50. In reply, Davy Smith (68), Ryan Maddock (42) and Jack Boardman (34) all weighed in with useful runs as the hosts wrapped up victory.

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Spirited Skem score late goal to earn a cup replay

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

Glossop North End 1
Skelmersdale United 1

IF life wasn't tough enough being handed an away FA Cup draw against last season's FA Vase finalists, Skem manager Tommy Lawson then had to take on the task with one arm metaphorically tied behind his back as a raft of six injuries devastated his small squad in the four days before the match.

So to return with a Tuesday night replay in the bag.

Skem started the game with a 16–year–old up front, a 17–year–old in midfield and a man who hadn't kicked a ball since April in the centre of his defence.

To add to that the bench was like an emergency ward so when in the 24th minute he had to use a substitute nursing a groin injury it exacerbated the situation even more.

In the end the last–gasp equaliser for a 1–1 draw that was completely justified.

Skem had started the game on the offensive and were a little unlucky not to have taken the lead. In the 4th minute Jack Owen saw a header tipped around the post by home goalkeeper Greg Hall. And 10 minutes later only an excellent intervention by the keeper prevented a Phil Mooney cross from setting up an open goal, before Dan Mitchley got the ball into the net but was given marginally offside.

Mitchley brought a top–class reaction save from Hall and Louis Corrigan had a blistering volley blocked en route to goal.

In the 53rd minute the game was changed by a goal for the home side. Astley Mulholland created space on the left and lifted the ball to far post, where Tom Bailey headed home from about five yards out.

The next half–hour saw the game change as Skem pressed and Glossop defended and sought to counte quickly, a system they are well set out to do.

Hall made another point–blank save from Mitchley then Skem appealed vociferously for a penalty as a driven Shaun Holden cross hit a hand.

Jamie Rainford was always dangerous for Glossop on the breakaway and Martin Fearon had to be sharp a couple of times to keep him out, while Dave Young hit the Skem bar with a header in the best of the hosts' attacking moves.

It was three minutes into added time when a corner flag move indirectly brought the Skem equaliser. Mooney was fouled and quickly played the ball long to the left side. It was knocked on to Holden who drove it goalwards, with forwards on his tail and looking to score, defender Martin Parker frantically went for the ball and it went into the net.

Midlands team set for first visit to Stormy Corner

UNITED now turn their attention to a brace of Evo–Stik Premier Division matches – away at Ashton United on Saturday, September 19, and at home on Tuesday, September 22 when Sutton Coldfield Town make the trip up for a first–ever visit to Skelmersdale. Although they sit in 17th position in the table Sutton have a decent away record. Out of four away games they have won one drawn two and only lost once.

Richmond bow out of Lancashire Shield

Lancashire FA Shield first round
Burscough Richmond 1
Tempest Utd 2

RICHMOND bowed out of this cup game at the first hurdle against a very experienced Bolton side.

Richmond with more than several absentees gave a good account of themselves, but with too many changes to the home side they lacked penetration at crucial times.

It was a dominant Tempest side who took the lead on 38 minutes, the ball being forced across the Richmond six yard box to find Barlow at the far post who side footed the ball into the back of the Richmond net.

Richmond had to wait till the 45th minute for their chance, full back Ashley Disley applying some very clever footwork to set up James Hanson in the box btt the Richmond forward dwelt on the ball far long and a great opportunity was blocked and cleared by the away team's defenders.

The second half started as the first half finished with Tempest still dominating.

Keeper Halton and man of the match kept the home side in the game with a brilliant save.

But a 70th minute free kick strike by Howard could not be stopped by Halton such was the velocity of the shot.

The home side pulled a goal back after Tempest goal goalkeeper Tebar lost possession on the edge of his area.

The ball fell kindly to forward Lee Jones who fired into an empty net.

This was as it turned out, a consolation goal.

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